

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

Some claims are canceled in the amendment to clarify the issues for appeal. More specifically, claims 1-26 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 27-34 are present for examination. No new matter is added by these amendments, which are fully supported by the specification. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled claims in a continuing application without any prejudicial effect. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Interview After Final

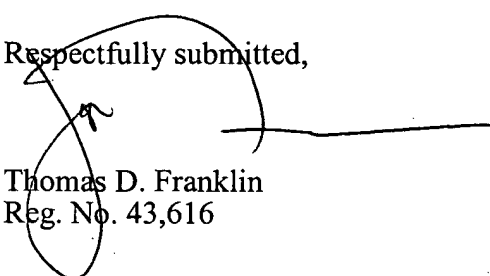
On February 17, 2005, the Examiner granted an interview to discuss the claim amendments and the outstanding rejections. The Applicant especially appreciates this opportunity as interviews like this are discretionary. The interview summary indicates that claims 27-34 define over the prior art. Pulling this case down from appeal for allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,


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